

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

Yuuki INOUE

Inventor(s)

IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM, COMPUTER READABLE INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Title of Invention

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification, total pages 65 including:
  - a. 17 pages of claims (43 claims)
  - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. X 9 sheets of      informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-9)
3. X Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) (4 total pages)
  - a. X Newly executed (original)
  - b.      Unexecuted
  - c.      Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4.      Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5.      Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.      Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

## APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. X An assignment (cover sheet & document(s)) (3 total pages)
8.      37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. X Power of Attorney
  - a. X Newly executed (original)
  - b.      Unexecuted
  - c.      Copy from a prior application

10. x Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

\_\_\_\_ Copies of IDS Citations

11. \_\_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment

12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13. \_\_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27

14. \_\_\_\_ If a Continuing Application, *check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:*

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15. \_\_\_\_ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a \_\_\_\_ continuation  
\_\_\_\_ divisional of application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_--

16. X Priority of application No. 2003-076154 filed in Japan on March 19, 2003 and No. 2004-050207 filed  
in Japan on February 25, 2004. Applicant hereby claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.

X A certified copy of priority application Nos. 2003-076154 and 2004-050207 is enclosed  
herewith.

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17. \_\_\_\_ Other (identify) \_\_\_\_\_

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18. X A check in the amount of \$1,184.00 to cover the filing fee.
19. X A check in the amount of \$ 40 for recordation of the Assignment.
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21. X Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.
22.      Other (identify) \_\_\_\_\_

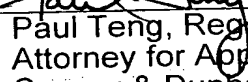
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I hereby certify that the above-identified application of Yuuki INOUE, filed herewith, including, application transmittal in triplicate, Specification (65 pages), Claims (1-43, 17 pages), Abstract (1 page), 9 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-9), a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-076154 and No. 2004-050207, an executed declaration (4 pages) (including Form PTO-1595 and reference), an executed assignment (3 pages), Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449), and a check in the amount of \$1,224.00 to cover filing fee and assignment recordation fee, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

  
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